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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GROUND-AIR OBSERVATION TEST - DECEMBER 1, 1951

1. The U. S. Air Force has ordered a test of the Ground-Air Observation System in Pennsylvania and surrounding states for Saturday, December 1, 1951. The exercise will run from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

2. To make the test worthwhile, it is imperative that all Ground Observation Posts and Filter Center Stations be continuously manned from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 1.

3. The December 1 test will NOT involve transmission of yellow, red, and white test alerts. This means that only those civil defense personnel assigned to Ground Observation Posts and Filter Centers need report for duty.

4. In view of the fact that the December 1 exercise is an Air Force test primarily designed only to determine the length of time required "to detect enemy attack", it is not recommended that local civil defense officials undertake to schedule related tests (transmission of test alerts, sounding of sirens, etc.) for the same time and date.

5. The State Council of Civil Defense strongly urges all Members of the Ground Observer Corps and Filter Center Staffs to report for duty on December 1 and it is sincerely hoped that all posts and stations within the Commonwealth will be manned from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday.

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